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The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BA can be found on page 3, line 1 of the specification and in U.S. Patent Document AA, which is a counterpart thereof. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BB can be found on page 3, line 4 of the specification and in its attached English-language abstract. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BC can be found on page 3, line 14 of the specification and in U.S. Patent Document AC, which is a counterpart thereof. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BE can be found on page 3, line 25 of the specification, in the English-language abstract on the front page of the document, and in U.S. Patent Document AE, which is a counterpart thereof. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BF can be found in the English-language abstract on the front page of the document and on page 3, line 25 of the specification. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BG can be found on page 3, line 26 of the specification, in the English-language abstract on the front page of the document, and in U.S. Patent Document AF, which is a counterpart thereof. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BH can be found on page 3, line 26 of the specification and in its attached English-language Derwent abstract. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BI can be found on page 3, line 27 of the specification and in U.S. Patent Document AG, which is a counterpart thereof. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BJ can be found on page 3, line 33 of the specification and in its attached English-language Derwent abstract. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BK can be found on page 3, line 35 of the specification and in its attached English-language Derwent abstract. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BL can be found on page 4, line 5 of the specification and in its attached English-language abstract. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BM can be found on page 4, line 15 of the specification and in U.S. Patent Document AJ, which is a counterpart thereof. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BN can be found on page 4, line 8 of the specification and in its attached English-language abstract. The relevance of Foreign Patent Document BO can be found in the English-language abstract on the front page of the document, in U.S. Patent Document AL, which is a

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